

LETTERS To the Editor

Virginia Thinks Australia Photo Is Out of This World

I saw the picture in *Alive!* Around the World column that Richard Denton sent in while he was in Australia, and I told my husband, Roy, that it had to be the most marvelous photo I have ever laid my eyes upon. Australia is truly a beautiful land. We're also rather impressed with



Richard Denton, Field Supervisor, West L.A. Meter Reading, DWP with his copy of *Alive!* at the Twelve Apostles, on the southern coast of Australia.

knowing that there are City employees like Richard that can enjoy life by visiting places like the Twelve Apostles. Roy and I wished we could have done more of that while he was at the Bureau of Street Maintenance and Inspection.

— Virginia Hillenbrand

Yes, Virginia, that was a great photo. Make sure you check out the photo of the Taj Mahal in this month's *Picture Perfect*. It's magnificent. — Ed

Council Should Apologize To Bratton, Not Other Way

How pathetically sad. I can't believe that [City Councilman] Eric Garcetti is asking for an apology from [LAPD] Chief [William] Bratton for some candid comments Bratton made to the press about certain Councilmembers. It should be the Council apologizing to him for not giving the chief enough money for more officers. Toughen up, Eric; if you can't take the heat, get out of the kitchen. By the way, how about an apology to the citizens of L.A. for not paving our streets? Fixing potholes ain't no solution. We need new streets!

—Mike Pattersen, Club Member

She, for One, Thinks Mayor Is Doing a Great Job of It

Greetings, *Alive!* staff. Can you do me a favor and let the mayor know that I think he's doing a fantastic job? Thanks so much.

—Rebecca DeLongpre, "proud Club Member"

How About Compiling Hynda's Column in Annual Book Form?

I was never one for reading about historical happenings, but I am completely hooked ... no, wait a minute, I'm completely addicted to Hynda Rudd's *History Comes Alive!* section. I especially enjoyed last month's column about Boyle Heights. Have you ever thought of putting all of these in a book at the end of each year? Just a random thought. Thank you.

— Rich Albenagian, Club Member since 1981

She Says Thanks to *Alive!* For Covering Retirement Party

On behalf of our staff and Art Rudnick (the Retiree), we would like to thank you very much for allowing your photographer to stop by on June 22 to take pictures at the reception for your newspaper. Would you kindly convey our thank you to the photographer, also.

We really appreciate your fitting us in your schedule, especially since the request was of short notice. Your benevolence is greatly appreciated.

— Maria Alpuche, Sr. Clerk Typist, General Services

You're welcome, Maria. — Ed.

Correction

In our July issue, we gave the wrong location for one of the Sanitation open houses. We should have said it took place at the South L.A. Yard. The actual West L.A. Yard Open House is described in this issue. We apologize for the confusion.

Mary Rose Aims for ClubFest If She Can Sew Up Bum Toe

Hello all, just wanted to let you know that me and the girls plan on attending the upcoming ClubFest. We'll have to stay the night at Judy's home, but that's okay. My tummy can never get enough of that barbecued beef, potato salad and ice cream. Hurt my toe the other day, doggone sewing machine fell on my foot; should be better by ClubFest, though, God willing. I hear you folks are having a heat wave there in Los Angeles. The way I remember, it was always hot in the summer; not sure what all the fuss is about.

That's it for now. Thanks for always printing my ramblings; you guys are the best.

—Mary Rose Wilkens, Retired City Employee and loyal Club member

Joe Is Oakey-Dokey With Tons of Great ClubFest Food

Oh man! I heard so much about this ClubFest that you guys have once a year. All good things of course like there's food coming out of the oak trees because there is so much of it and they don't run out. You have got to be kidding me about that, there's no way that's possible. Too bad I didn't get employed by the City years ago or I'd be planning to go every year. I look forward to it.

— Joe Gunther, Rec and Parks

Cooking Column, Questions Are Letter-Perfect for Renee

I was wondering if the Cooking with the Club column was removed for good. I thought it was a good article, not longwinded, and the recipes were easy to make. At least the ones I made. That, along with the funny Question of the Month column, is the reason I read the newspaper you folks have. I agree with Eddie Trujillo of Harbor about having immortality as the super power to choose, if I could. You know, some of those letters to the editors are quite the seam-busters, especially the one about the young gal hearing ghostly sounds at the City Hall rotunda. That left me in stitches.

— Renee Trevor, Retired DWP

QUESTION ? of the Month

Our Club Counselors are all over the City, every day, serving our Club Members. While we're out, we'll be asking City employees a fun question. Keep your eyes open... you never know when we'll be asking you what you think!

What was your first car?



"A green Taurus."
— Carrie Edwards, Club Member, Custodial Service Attendant, LAX, 8 years.

"A yellow Skylark."
— Marilyn Wells, Club Member, Custodial Service Attendant, LAX, 25 years.



"A 1986 Toyota Tercel. At one point, I managed to stuff six girls in the car at one time (five in the back, one on the front passenger seat)."
— Dan Valenzuela, Programmer Analyst, DWP, Club Member.

"A 1991 Toyota Corolla."
— Alexandra McCoy, DWP Security Officer.



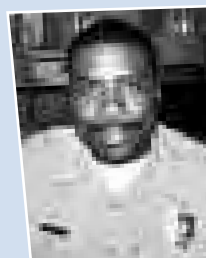
"A 1978 L.T.D. II."
— Sgt. Anthony B. Load, DWP.

"A 1975 yellow Opel."
— George Fogelson, Human Resources Division, Employee Health & Benefits, DWP.



"My first car was a 1971 Super Beetle. It was a red convertible with a white top. Its name was Marilyn."
— Christina Kusch, Human Resources Division, Training and Development Section, Club Member.

"A 1963 Chevy Impala."
— William Swint, DWP Security Officer.



"A 1968 Chevy Camaro."
— Sgt. Edward Dobson, Lead Security Officer, DWP.

"My first car was a 1991 black on black Honda Prelude."
— Mary Ann Torres, Human Resources Division, Training and Development Section, Club Member.

